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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Baskaran Chandrasekar  
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Examiner: COTTON, Abigail Manda.  
Title: LOCAL DELIVERY OF 17-BETA ESTRADIOL FOR PREVENTING VASCULAR INTIMA HYPERPLASIA AND FOR IMPROVING VASCULAR ENDOTHELIUM FUNCTION AFTER VASCULAR INJURY.

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Official Action mailed on April 5, 2006, in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Response to the Office Action is due on October 5, 2006, with the enclosed petition for three-months extension of time. Please also find enclosed a Request for Continued Examination.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5.